



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

October 31, 2019

Mr. Taylor Amarel
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DEPT MR 55567
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Re: USITC Freedom of Information Act Request 19-30

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter serves as the U.S. International Trade Commission's ("USITC") final response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), dated and received September 18, 2019, in which you requested "All emails sent to, from, or copied to: Jason Kearns, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string "laundering", "whistleblower", or "evasion"."

We have found a document responsive to your request and it is enclosed. We made redactions to the document pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Exemption 6 protects from disclosure information about individuals when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Finally, I have determined that eight pages should be withheld-in-full pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 pertains to information that is subject to privilege.

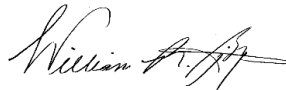
Therefore, your FOIA request is granted-in-part.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you may file an administrative appeal. If you decide to do so, your appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this letter. It should be addressed to the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, and clearly indicate both on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." It should clearly state the grounds upon which you believe this denial of access to be in error. For further information on appeal procedures, see 19 CFR 201.18, attached.

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If you have any questions, relating to the processing of your request, please feel free to contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Sharon Bellamy at 202-205-2595 or sharon.bellamy@usitc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Bishop", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William R. Bishop
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer

Enclosures
Attachment 19 CFR 201.18